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**From the Pastor- Beth Ann Cook**

**God's Great Drama**

**Hebrews 1:1-2, NLT**

*Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.*



I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I enjoyed having Mom and Dad visit Logansport. When get together we spend a lot of time watching movies and tv shows. (Between us we have several streaming services and a lot of options.) Have you ever wondered why we are captivated by movies and great TV series? I think the reason is that God has placed something inside us that responds to the power of story.

God is telling a story—it is the story of His love and salvation. Advent is the story of God's people longing for salvation and a Savior. Christmas is the coming of that long expected, long prayed for Messiah. He wants us to see ourselves in the story and experience His goodness and grace. We too are part of the "Cast of Christmas."

Blessings and peace,  
Beth Ann

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**Daily Bible Reading**

1 1 Corinth.12-14	9 Philippians 1-4	17 Hebrews 1-5	25 2, 3 John, Jude
2 1 Corinth.15-16	10 Colossians 1-4	18 Hebrews 6-9	26 Revelation 1-3
3 2 Corinth. 1-4	11 1 Thess. 1-5	19 Hebrews 10-11	27 Revelation 4-8
4 2 Corinth. 5-8	12 2 Thess. 1-3	20 Hebrews 12-13	28 Revelation 9-12
5 2 Corinth. 9-13	13 1 Timothy 1-4	21 James 1-5	29 Revelation 13-16
6 Galatians 1-6	14 1 Timothy 5-6	22 1 Peter 1-5	30 Revelation 17-19
7 Ephesians 1-3	15 2 Timothy 1-4	23 2 Peter 1-3	31 Revelation 20-22
8 Ephesians 4-6	16 Titus/Philemon	24 1 John 1-5	



## Birthdays

<b>Dec 4</b> Don Bartlet	<b>Dec 9</b> Carol Evernham
<b>Dec 5</b> Michael Martin	Mary Sutton
<b>Dec 6</b> Sheri Geisler	<b>Dec 10</b> Rich Wild
<b>Dec 7</b> Jennings Hall	<b>Dec 13</b> Nancy Beachler
Carmen Jones	<b>Dec 20</b> Sara Whitcomb
<b>Dec 8</b> Doris Regan	<b>Dec 21</b> Abby Geer
Robert Julian	<b>Dec 27</b> Sally Baker



**Dec 28** Samantha Baker  
**Dec 31** Sandy Stuart

## Anniversaries

<b>Dec 2</b> Mark & Sally Baker	<b>Dec 18</b> Louis & Theresa Baker	<b>Dec 24</b> Brad & Cynthia Deane
<b>Dec 3</b> Mike & Deb Swartzel	<b>Dec 20</b> Bruce & Mary Stuart	
<b>Dec 14</b> Richard & Bev Babb	<b>Dec 23</b> John & Sharon Jones	

## Weekly Schedule:

**Monday:** Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor

**Tuesday:** Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Parlor, Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

**Wednesday:** Dial-up Devotion & Prayer, 2 PM, Call 605-313-5919, Code 635572

Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary

The Chosen Study/ Discussion Group, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

## December Event Schedule

**Sun, Dec 5** LCM Christmas Program

**Wed, Dec 8** JOY Circle Christmas Luncheon, 11 AM, Westside Diner

**Sun, Dec 12** Haitian Church Paint with the Pastor, 4 PM, Logan Art Association

**Fri, Dec 17** LCM Class Christmas Parties

**Sun, Dec 19** Christmas Musical Combined Worship, 9 AM

Blue Christmas Service, 6 PM, Sanctuary, Refreshments in the Hallway

**Fri, Dec 24** Christmas Eve Service, 7 PM, Haitian/English Service

Traditional Christmas Eve Service, 11 PM

**Sun, Dec 26** Combined Worship Service, 9 AM

**Sun, Jan 2** Combined Worship Service, 9 AM



## Love Gift for 2 Reasons

As you know, Pastor Beth Ann's last Sunday at our church will be January 16. We would normally give a Christmas love offering and a similar offering on her final Sunday. Since the two will be so close together, Pastor-Parish is asking for you to give one offering for both occasions. Please mark your gift "Love Offering." Thanks for your help in showing Beth Ann our appreciation for her service at our church.



## Prayer Requests

- Jayne & Dale Sullivan
- Jeff Smith
- Marvellen Dunwoody
- Nancy Beachler
- Mary Stuart
- Larry Nulf
- Foster Parents & Children



## Continued Requests

- ◆ Becky & Ed Hanawalt

## Nursing Homes:

**McKinney Place:** Beverly Vietti

**Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek

**Millers Merry Manor:** Sally Mauck & Beverly Hess

**Woodbridge:** Mike Doering & Charlotte Sibley

## Military Service:

Braxton Baker      Jacob Kaley      Alex Karnafel      Mickey Karnafel      Oakley Lewellen  
Joshua Lyons      Tim Strubell

**Trustee Report-** Steve Longenecker, Chair– No report this month

**Finance Report-** Jerry Miller, Chair– no report this month

**JOY!** Maxsen Russel Peterson completed our family on Mon, Nov 29, at 9:24 PM. We love him to pieces. He was 7lbs 9oz and 19in long. Healthy and doing great– Cora Peterson



## Take Care– Heather Platt– Parish Nurse

### Finding Joy

In the hustle of the season and the dullness of the winter, it's important for each of us to stop and appreciate the small things. When you look for the good in the person you are speaking with, when you peer out your kitchen window, when you are stopped at a red light, reflect on what is surrounding you.



Small things often go unnoticed because they are not a huge accomplishment that we celebrate but the reality is that we do not have big and exciting things happening to us on a day-to-day basis. We have the little things like a smile from a stranger, a call from a friend or the glimmer of sun on top of the snow. Look for joy to find inner peace and contentment in your daily life.

Another important part of being joyful is to deliberately carve out time for yourself. Completely remove yourself from the stress of a deadline and reset yourself with relaxation and a good book, your favorite movie, a walk in nature or possibly that piece of pie you have been thinking about. We all need that and we need to allow ourselves that time for mindful healing and peace. It's important for us to stay healthy so we can continue to be positive and supportive of those around us who need us as well.

Being happy involves changing our thought patterns and having positive self-talk. Some of us are professional worriers and we all know that causes negative thoughts and ultimately reduces our joy in life. Most of the things we worry about will never happen so it is a game-changer when we address those stresses and are released from that mental burden.

While happiness is an individual choice, it is important to surround yourself with positive people. We are influenced by those around us and constant negativity can be taxing. It's best to look for a social network of friends who have an upbeat look on life, care about you and what matters to you and help you see the beauty in life. Don't forget to do what makes you laugh

Settle your mind, reduce stress, strengthen your relationships and love more! Happiness and joy lead to better overall health and longevity. Feel the feels in the moment and plan to seek joy every day.

Take care,  
Heather

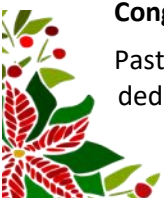
### Blue Christmas Tree & Memorial Ornaments

First UMC has a special Blue Christmas tree decorated with ornaments made in memory of friends or family members who have passed. Ornaments may be taken home after the Blue Christmas Service on Dec 19, @ 6 PM. To receive an ornament, register your loved one's name on the table in the Narthex. There is no charge for ornaments.



### Congratulations!

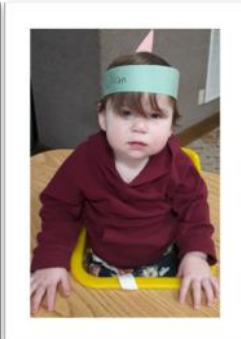
Pastor Ysblenn Enteril is now USA citizen. Welcome and congratulations on your hard work and dedication!



**Little Childrens Ministry– Belinda Jordan, Director**

The holiday season has officially arrived!

LCM had their Thanksgiving Feast on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. All of our little Pilgrims and Indians attended the feast.



The LCM Annual Christmas Program will be in person and live-streamed this year. The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. The outside sanctuary doors will open at 1:15 PM. Children need to be brought to their classroom by only one parent no later than 1:30 PM. Due to Covid concerns, we will not be having a reception following the program this year.

The *Paths to Quality* review is set for Friday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

This is a yearly review to show that LCM is providing the highest standards in safety, room arrangement and lesson plans. We are very proud to have achieved Level 3 and look forward to renewing that this month.

The LCM Staff will be having a Christmas Party at UNO’s Pizza this year. A very generous LCM Board member has offered to pay for the dinner. We are very thankful to her and our LCM Board for all the support you provide LCM throughout the year!



The 2022 LCM Board will have a new LCM Parent Rep and LCM Teacher Rep.

The Parent Rep will be Molly Long. She is the parent of an infant who attends LCM. Watch for additional information and highlights on Molly in our January Newsletter. The 2022 elected Teacher Rep is Angelica Duffee. Angel has been an employee of LCM since 2015. We will also be highlighting Angelica in our January Newsletter. The LCM Board is looking forward to new ideas and suggestions from our newly elected LCM Representatives.

The Little Children’s Ministry December Mission is to provide toys to LCM Families in need. Joy Circle has generously covered the cost of gifts for the families in need of help this holiday season. The LCM children have made ornaments to help with this year’s mission. The ornaments will sell for \$1. The proceeds will go to the families that applied to receive hats, gloves, wrapping paper, etc. The ornaments will be displayed on a tree in the office hallway.

**December Bible Verse: “Unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given”**

**Isaiah 9:6**



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- **Sunday Services:** 800 E Broadway, Logansport IN, 46947
- **Worship:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM \* Face masks required until seated
- **Live Streaming:** 8:15 & 10 AM on FaceBook Live @ Logansport First United Methodist Church

## Church Staff

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- **Media Coordinator:** Luann Hamilton

## Little Childrens Ministry Staff

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## Church Leaders:

- **Our Bishop:** Bishop Julius Trimble
- **Conference Superintendent:** Rev. Lori Blinn
- **Associate Superintendents:** Rev. Rob Seewald & Rev. John Randall

## Church Cluster:

- **Crosswind UMC:** Pastor Tim Powers
- **Main Street UMC:** Pastor Doug Thomas
- **Wheatland Ave UMC:** Bert Stover
- **First UMC:** Pastor Beth Ann Cook



## Our Mission

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## Our Vision

*REACH...EQUIP...SEND*

